UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v. : Cr. No. 21-603 (VEC)

MELVIN ELY, : ORDER

Defendant. :

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ely was arrested in this matter on October 7, 2021, in the Northern District of Illinois, and was released on bail with certain conditions;

WHEREAS, pursuant to those conditions, Mr. Ely surrendered his passport to the Pretrial Services Office in the Northern District of Illinois;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ely entered a guilty plea before this Court to resolve the outstanding charges, and, on November 21, 2024, he was sentenced to, *inter alia* time served and six months' supervised release; and

WHEREAS, at sentencing, counsel for Mr. Ely requested the immediate return to Mr. Ely of his passport and the Court granted that request;

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It is hereby ORDERED that the Pretrial Services Office in the Northern District of Illinois return to Mr. Ely his passport forthwith.

Dated: November  $\underline{26}$ , 2024

New York, New York

Hon. Valerie E. Caproni

J.S.D.J.